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Disability Issues Committee ♦ August 5, 2014
Mercer Elementary School (Board Room) - 11:00 a.m.

Present: Dr. Kimberly Schneider- *Chairperson* (MCTS), Liz Flynn (MCSSSD), Maryann Moller (MCSSSD), Thomas E. Shaw-Gardner (MC Office of the Disabled), Dana Hice-DePugh (MCTS)

Staff: Beverly Mills

Dr. Schneider opened the meeting with a brief discussion about the WIOA grant and the changes forthcoming with regard to the disabled population.

Liz mentioned that new rules applying to subminimum wages would apply to post graduates. Project Adults will also be impacted. Liz also discussed the need for supplemental documentation that will be necessary to determine placements. Liz's office would be responsible for producing a Task Analysis sheet as supporting evidence.

Liz Flynn presented a power point entitled "Transitioning Our Students from School to Adult Life." A number of programs are offered that include:

- Pre-vocational Skills Training
- Occupational Therapy Workshop with an Occupational Therapist
- Vocational Skills Training (various course offerings)
- Career Exploration (including job shadowing and job sampling)
- Structured Learning Experience
- Cooperative Work Experience (students can receive course credits)
- WIA Grant (provides students with an OJT experience)
- Transitional Support Services (all students required to be registered with DVRS)
- Employment Services
- Post Graduate Options (MCCC, Job Corps)
- Facilities Tours (option of choosing vocational training or community oriented placements)

Students start with nine vocational areas to choose from so they will have this exposure when choosing electives in 11th and 12th grades.

Beverly mentioned she would invite Alice Hunnicut from the State to present at the next full WIB meeting on

October 28th to update specifically about WIOA and the disabled population.

Dana updated that MCSSSD hopes to start a program on video production and also retail.

Tom volunteered to help Dana with contacts at the Cultural Access Network.

Review of June 18, 2014 Minutes:

Minutes were approved. Tom distributed a survey provide by the American Community Survey (ACS) on Disability Characteristics for Mercer County.

The first success story appeared on the WIB webpage but we need another for October.

Award Nominations:

- The same nomination letter and form will be used with current dates
- Deadline for nominations will be September 12, 2014
- Awardees will be acknowledged at the WIB Board meeting on October 28, 2014
- Bev will request County Executive's attendance at the WIB meeting

Strategic Planning Grid:

The committee reviewed the Strategic Plan for the purpose of ascertaining if we were still on track. Since we are entering into Year 4 a few additions were made as follows:

- Under Transitions: #1 is in the final "tweaking" stage
- Under Employability/Life Skills: #1 Career-self-reflection survey will include a presentation from the One Stop and will also look at including NJ Can
- Under Social Services: #3 and #4 will both be included in Year 5. Kelly Borden will be asked to advertise the Expo at the Raritan Expo Center
- Under Social Services: Added #6 for Federal/State/Local Legislative Updates

NEXT MEETING

September 30, 2014 (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.) ♦ MCTS Sypek Campus, Building C